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“In The American Society” by Gish Jen

*Answer the following questions according to the story.*

1. Why does the mother want to join the country club despite all the problems she sees in doing so?
2. How does Mrs. Chang’s job as the supermarket manager change her?
3. Why did Mrs. Lardner keep her heritage secretive but revealed it to Mrs. Chang?
4. What does Mr. Chang catch Fernando doing?
5. Why does Mr. Chang fire Fernando?
6. How do Booker and Cedric end up in jail?
7. Why does Mr. Chang feel such a sense of responsibility towards his cooks?

Part II

1. Why does Jeremy use words like “viticulture” and “forte” that most people would not use in casual conversation?
2. Why does Mr. Chang hurl the the polo and jacket into the pool?
3. Why are Mr. Chang’s daughters proud of him after the incident at the pool?
4. In a paragraph, compare/contrast the two sections, “His Own Society with “In the American Society”.